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SUBJECT: FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE, HAITIAN PARTICIPATION

1. PURSUANT TO DECEMBER 27 LETTER FROM SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY RIPLEY, JUST RECEIVED, EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED HAITIAN PLANS WITH DIRECTOR JEAN-BAPTISTE OF NATIONAL OFFICE OF TOURISM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. SMITHSONIAN PROPOSAL TO HAITIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON APARENTLY NOT FORWARDED TO GOH; HOWEVER, TOURISM OFFICE IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO SEND TROUPE OF ABOUT 20 PEOPLE TO FESTIVAL ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH LEONARD GOINES. TOURISM OFFICE SAID GOINES PROMISED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF SCHEDULE, U.S. ITINERARY, ETC., BY LETTER, BUT THUS FAR NOTHING RECEIVED FROM HIM.

2. JEAN-BAPTISTE HAS CABLED MR. JEAN SASSINE, HAITIAN TOURISM REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, INSTRUCTING HIM TO CONTACT SMITHSONIAN. IF HE HAS NOT MADE CONTACT, SMITHSONIAN MAY WISH TO CALL HIM AT 244-0141.

3. GOH SEEMS PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY, BUT OFFICIALS HERE ARE WORRIED ABOUT SHORT TIME LEFT FOR COORDINATING WITH SMITHSONIAN AND WORKING UP FINAL PLANS.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THIS INFORMATION SOONEST TO MR. S. DILLON RIPLEY.
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